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Lloydminster Site Weekend Band Clinic

The Weekend Band Clinic at Lloydminster the 28, 29 and 30 of April, is open to Alberta Bands in the East of the Province and to members of Saskatchewan Bands. The latter, however, will have to pay a fee of \$6.00 each. The staff for this clinic will include:

Captain H. A. Jeffry, C.D.; B/S/Sgt. M. Schipper—clarinet; B/S/Sgt. G. Webb—drums; B/S/Sgt. W. Coates—baritone, trombone & bass; B/S/Sgt. L. Whiteley—trumpet & horn; B/S/Sgt. C. Brady—saxophone & flute.

For information and application forms write to D. J. Peterkin, Supervisor of Music, Room 425, Legislative Building, Edmonton.

Camp Leadership Course Will Open

The Camp Counsellor's Leadership Course sponsored by the Alberta Camping Association in co-operation with the Alberta Recreation and Cultural Development Branch will be held June 2, 3 and 4th. Camp Keewaydin, 50 miles west of Edmonton will be the site of the three day meeting open to persons over the age of 16 who will be responsible for leadership as camp counsellors. Candidates must be sponsored by their camp group, recreation board or an interested local organization. Included in the course will be instruction in fire building, shelters, outdoor cooking and general camping procedure. Deadline for applications has been set for May 19. Registration fee for the school is \$3.00 which include room and board. Contact Miss E. McFarland, Supervisor Community Programs, Room 424, Legislative Bldg., Edmonton, for application forms.

"Reading is the Key" Is Theme Of Library Week In Canada



Canada's annual observance "Library Week" April 16-22 gives Albertans the opportunity to bring their library service to the attention of everyone in their communities.

Its purpose? Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Librarian of the National Library and Chairman of the Canadian Library Week Council says, "is intended to help libraries to secure facilities by giving every library in the country an occasion to bring its own individual services, needs and potentialities to the attention of the community it serves."

Many of the smaller libraries are in need of better facilities of all kinds: buildings, bookstock and staff. They should take time out during this week to publicize not only the service they can now offer, but the improved service they would like to give, and their present need for more adequate resources.

Custodians in all Alberta public libraries know what their needs are; this is the time to make them known to their patrons, friends, neighbors and local government representatives.

Albertans View Travelling Exhibits During 6-Month Tour

The Arts and Crafts Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch is nearing the end of its first attempt to circulate exhibitions for community viewing. To date the response has been gratifying and, because of the courteous co-operation and handling by the committees involved the venture was highly successful.

A total of twelve exhibitions were borrowed from the Art Department of the Provincial Institute of Technology and Art, the Department of Fine Arts, University of Alberta, the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, the Allied Arts Centre, Calgary, the Edmonton representative of the A.S.A., the Banff School of Fine Arts, and from art clubs in Grande Prairie, Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Fort McLeod, Drumheller, Red Deer, Lacombe, Sylvan Lake. The contents of these exhibitions were mostly oils and water colors, numbering a total of 140 paintings and 26 matted works of art.

For six months now these exhibitions have been crisscrossing the province on their scheduled routes, to communities as far north as Deadwood and as far south as Coutts, making a total of 205 scheduled stops at 88 separate communities who have received from one to three exhibitions each.

From the attendance reports received (unfortunately, only a portion of the number sent out) in the office of the Arts and Crafts Division, a total of 9,871 adults and 6,600 students have viewed these exhibitions. Ponoka boasts the highest attendance of 1,223 people at any one exhibition showing.

The exhibitions were sent out, pre-paid, from the Arts and Crafts Division. Some were shipped by railway express, but the majority were delivered by truck through the main trucking services, such as Truckers' Terminal, Central Truck Depot, the depots for individual local trucks. From there they travelled between the communities by what facilities were available, freight truck, milk truck and private car, to assure the safe arrival at the next destination in time.

It is hoped that the next season will offer a greater number and variety of exhibits for viewing. It is also hoped to provide those interested with selections of children's work in arts and crafts.

MODERN FACILITIES AT N



A class of physical education students is shown in a gymnastic training period at one of the smaller well equipped athletic rooms.

U. of A. Stresses Goals for Women In Recreation

The multi-million dollar physical education building recently opened on the University of Alberta campus is providing new opportunities for training for Alberta women in the fields of recreation. Many graduates of the physical education school will enter the field of recreation and education with a private or public organization. The Alberta Government has made an assistance program available to prospective students to help fill the need for female graduates. Candidates for the program who expect to provide full or part time leadership in recreation are eligible for scholarships. Recreation and Cultural Development Branch scholarships were awarded to four students in 1960 who are presently attending the university.

Women have a major role to play in

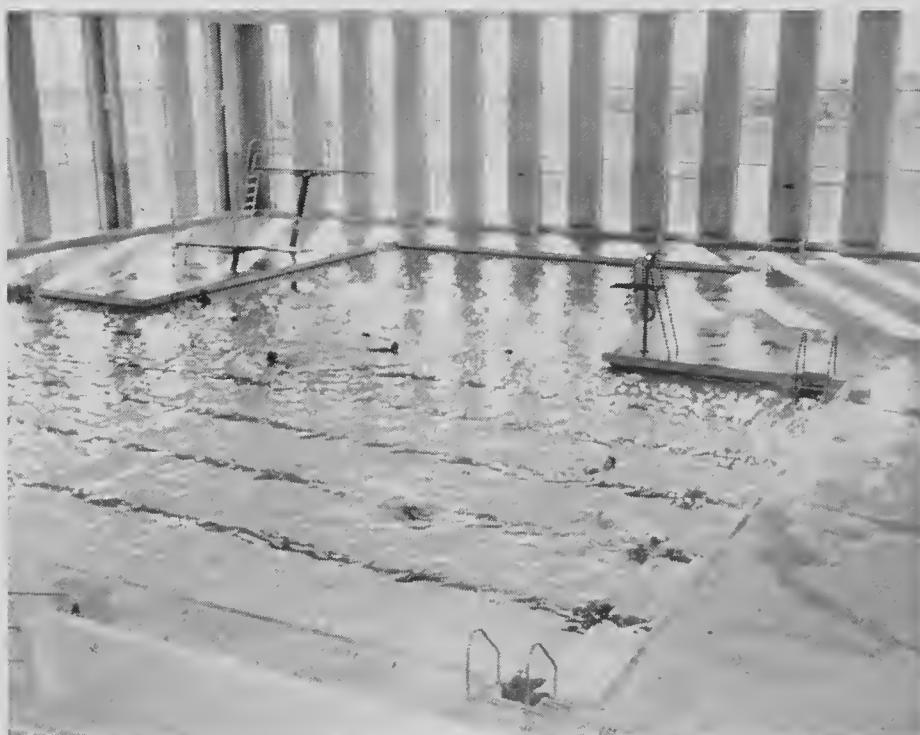


On the artificial ice surface at one end practice their routines. The easily applied building is needed for other activities. A surface restored after a dance, for use n

NEW PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING

the development and instruction of leisure and recreational activities of other women and girls. Feminine interests and needs in physical education differ widely from those of males. In addition to the usual team sports, women require activities and sports designed to develop the feminine traits. Grace, poise and agility are the primary advantages of such activities as creative dancing, figure skating and badminton. Instructors specializing in these activities require a background of sound and technical training to fit them for their work.

The new Physical Education building provides the facilities for the training. The main gymnasium offers ample room for instruction to be given in badminton, basketball or volleyball simultaneously if required. The large bright swimming pool is considered one of the best in Canada. Smaller gyms for athletic and creative dancing classes are located through the building. A 3,000 seat arena, with its artificial ice plant, ensures a regular supply of clean smooth ice for the figure skating enthusiasts.



The beautifully tiled Winspear Memorial Pool at the new building is banked on two sides by ceiling-high windows overlooking one of the playing fields.



The main gymnasium is capable of housing simultaneously badminton, basketball and volley ball games. Note the swing-away equipment suspended from the ceiling.



End of the main arena four figure skaters
laid ice is just as easily removed when the
A crew working overnight can have the ice
e next morning.

Craft Instructors Outline Program

Courses in design, basketry, advanced ceramics, advanced metalcraft and advanced leathercraft will be offered at the 1961 Recreation Leadership School. The school will be held at Red Deer July 10 to August 5.

Returning to instruct in leathercraft will be Mr. Robert Muma, Mumart Studios, Toronto. Mr. Muma conducted the first provincial course in advanced leathercraft at the 1960 school.

Mr. Frank X. Phillips, engraver and silversmith from Calgary, will instruct in advance metalcraft, emphasizing jewellery making and enamelling.

Basketry will again be taught by Mrs. Agnes Benedictson of Edmonton.

Mr. L. Graff and Mr. O. Holmsten of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch will teach design and advanced ceramics.

Applications for both craft and general courses must be received prior to May 15, 1961. For information and application forms, write:

Miss E. McFarland, Supervisor, Community Programs, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch, 424 Legislative Bldg., Edmonton, Alberta.

"MAYTIME IN ALBERTA" CHORAL GROUPS WILL PERFORM THROUGHOUT PROVINCE

MIXED CHORUS

University of Alberta (Edmonton)

Lacombe	May 1
Stettler	May 2
Drumheller	May 3
Hanna	May 4
Castor	May 5
Wainwright	May 6
Viking	May 7
Lloydminster	May 8

WEEKEND BAND CLINICS

Lloydminster April 28, 29 and 30
Calgary May 26, 27 and 28

3rd Annual Provincial Band and Orchestra Clinic — Olds—August 5 - 12.
R.C.A.F. Training Command
Band Tour:

Valleyview	April 24
Peace River	April 25
Dawson Creek	April 26
Beaverlodge and Grande Prairie	April 27

Swimming Clinic For May 12, 13 In University Pool

Much interest is being shown throughout Alberta as the Synchronized Swimming Clinic at the University of Alberta May 12 and 13 draws near.

This clinic is of timely interest as the number of swimming pools in Alberta are increasing. There is a need for synchronized swimming in their programs.

The program will consist of basic synchronized skills, water practice, program organization, promotion, water figures, swimming to music and synchronized team, duet and solo swimming.

Instruction will be handled by Miss Pat Austin, Mrs. M. E. Hembling, Mrs. J. Ross, Mrs. M. Stewart and Mrs. P. Welliver.

Application forms can be obtained by writing to the Supervisor of Athletics and Outdoor Education, Recreation and Cultural Development Branch. Deadline for application is May 1st.

Lethbridge Library Hosts Association Annual Conference

The Alberta Library Association has accepted a kind invitation from Mayor A. W. Schackelford of Lethbridge to hold the Association's Annual Conference in the Lethbridge Public Library on May 28 and 29.

Members from the smaller libraries throughout the Province are urged to attend this meeting if at all possible. Apart from conference activities, they will be able to meet their opposite numbers from other libraries, compare notes and get some ideas for their library activities for the remainder of the year.

The Chairman, Mr. J. E. Rutton and some members of the Alberta Library Board, plus the Supervisor of Public Libraries should be at this meeting and this will be a good opportunity for custodians to contact them and air their views on matters, both general and specific, pertaining to the Province's public libraries.

Many Alberta Centres Send Representatives

Eighty delegates representing 43 Alberta communities registered at Banff, March 17 for the Annual Workshop for members of local Recreation Boards sponsored by the Recreation and Cultural Developments Branch, Department of the Provincial Secretary.

Highlight of the Workshop was an address by Professor W. Baker, Centre for Community Studies, University of Saskatchewan, who stressed the need for communities to rise to the challenge of change and plan for it realistically.

Workshop sessions were held on finance, program, leadership and facilities. Summaries of information compiled in these sessions will be mailed to participating communities in the near future.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Alberta Recreation Association — Annual Meeting, Banff	April 27 - 29
Recreation Directors' Seminar, Banff	May 1 - 13
Provincial Synchronized Swim Clinic, Edmonton	May 12 - 13
Camp Counsellors' Leadership Course, Camp Keewaydin	June 2 - 4
Playground Leaders' Short Course, Red Deer	June 27 - July 1
Recreation Leadership School, Red Deer	July 10 - August 5
Provincial Drama School, at Olds	August 13 - 19